

REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in the Office Action mailed February 27, 2003. The issue fee was paid on May 27, 2003. Subsequently, on September 26, 2003, applicants were notified by Examiner Parkin that the application had been held back from issuance because an electronic version of the Sequence Listing had not been submitted. In fact, an electronic version of the Sequence Listing had not been previously requested by the Office during prosecution. Applicants were required to submit an electronic copy of the Sequence Listing before issuance of the patent.

During preparation of the electronic copy of the Sequence Listing, it was noted that the paper version previously submitted was not in the correct format. Therefore, applicants are submitting a replacement of the paper copy of the Sequence Listing originally filed. This replacement is identical to the electronic version of the Sequence Listing and does not add new matter.

Applicants have also amended the text of the Specification to include sequence identifiers that were not previously included. These amendments do not add new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered, the requested changes made, and the application be allowed to issue.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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